

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

DOCKET NO. 2005-191-E

**GENERIC PROCEEDING TO EXPLORE A FORMAL REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL FOR UTILITIES THAT ARE CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES
FOR ADDING GENERATING CAPACITY**

The Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) in its Order No. 2007-626 held that it is in the best interest of the electric ratepayers of South Carolina and the regulated community of electric utilities to only require mandatory Requests for Proposal (RFPs) for new peaking generation. The Commission established the following broad guidelines for these RFPs:

- Regulated electric utilities may bid on their own RFPs, although once the RFP criteria and relative weights are set for a specific generation requirement, they are not to be changed for that requirement;
- An RFP is not required if another RFP has been issued within the previous 18 months for the same peaking capacity;
- An independent bid evaluator is not required. However, a bidder may request that the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) perform an audit of the process, and the Commission may request that ORS be a party to the bid evaluation process;
- The utility must justify its selection, and ORS and the utility must certify the fairness and transparency of the process; and
- The Commission may overrule the selection for good cause.

A workshop will be held on **Thursday, March 13, 2008, at 10:30 a.m.** to determine how best to proceed with implementing the peaking RFP requirement in a way that is consistent with the above-mentioned broad guidelines. After the conclusion of the workshop, the Commission will consider the matter further. Persons who are interested in participating in the workshop should notify the Commission in writing no later than **February 25, 2008**. Please refer to Docket No. 2005-191-E.

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